

From the Editors

This issue of *RFL* marks the 16th year as a free scholarly online journal at the University of Hawaii. We would like to acknowledge and thank the National Foreign Language Resource Center (NFLRC), the University of Hawai‘i College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, and the University of Hawai‘i Department of Second Language Studies for their invaluable support. Their continued funding allows us to offer *RFL* without charge.

This issue of *RFL* also marks a major change in the journal. Anne Burns resigned as our Reviews Editor, after 16 years of invaluable service. We would like to express our deep appreciation to Anne. We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Xiangying Jiang has taken over from Anne as the Reviews Editor. Dr. Jiang is an associate professor of TESOL in the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics at West Virginia University. Her research interests are in the area of second language reading and literacy.

This issue of *RFL* begins as a special issue, “Celebrating Linguistically Diverse Learners of St. Louis: Responsive Research and Practice for Literacy,” edited by Cindy Brantmeier. It features three articles.

In addition, there are two regular articles. In the first, Eun Young Jeon and Richard Day present their results of a meta-analysis of the impact of extensive reading on reading proficiency. This is followed by Kate Paesani’s report of her investigation of reading-writing connections to determine if these literacy practices facilitated students’ understanding and use of resources such as grammar, vocabulary, genre, and style.

Tianxu Chen reviews *Second Language Reading: Cognitive and Psycholinguistic Perspectives*. Then there is a special issue discussion piece by Elizabeth Thorne-Wallington. There are three regular discussion pieces, by Tom Cobb, Paul Nation, and Jeff McQuillan. This issue concludes with the valuable October feature, Readings on L2 reading: Publications in other venues 2015-2016. This is edited by Shenika Harris, Carolina Bernales, Gabriela Romero-Ghiretti, Haley Dolosic, Huan Liu, and Tracy Van Bishop.

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RFL, like all scholarly journals, depends on the support of individuals with expertise in various areas of second and foreign language reading. The critical and insightful observations and suggestions of the external reviewers allow the journal to maintain the high quality of the

articles. However, as *RFL* has become the leading journal in second and foreign language reading, the number of manuscripts that we receive for consideration steadily increases. As a result, we need more and more external reviewers. If any readers of *RFL* would like to be external reviewers, please contact us with the areas of second and foreign language reading in which you have particular expertise.

We would like to have your feedback to the articles; please feel free to contact us with your reactions, comments, and suggestions.

We would like to express our thanks to the external reviewers who have provided insightful comments on manuscripts. As noted above, these scholars make invaluable contributions to *RFL*. The following external reviewers took time to do critical evaluations through mid-September 2016:

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